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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claim 2 has been amended to indicate that the "central position," i.e., the center line of the

rectangular pipe forming the raising and lowering poles is a central position of the article conveying apparatus and that this central position coincides with a substantially central position of the work

passage between the article storage sections, as illustrated in FIG. 4A of the drawings.

It is respectfully submitted that for the reasons set forth above, the prior art patents do not teach, suggest or show to one skilled in the art raising and lowering poles that are each comprised of

one piece rectangular pipe, wherein the raising and lowering poles are connected to a vertical side surface of the rectangular pipe forming the running truck body. Further, the cited reference does not

show the raising and lowering poles being disposed in a substantially central position between the

article storage sections.

Favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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